

BLAST FIRES LINER

MINNEHAHA CAPTAIN SENDS
WIRELESS THAT EXPLOSION
CAUSED BLAZE.

HOLT BOMB IS SUSPECTED

Vessel in War Trade Forced to Turn
Back to Halifax—Carried Vast Quantity
of Supplies—Adriatic Safe at
Liverpool.

New York, July 10.—While the Atlantic transport liner Minnehaha, the largest British ship engaged in the transport of munitions of war to the allies, is making her way to port at Halifax, after having been turned back from her course by an explosion and fire in her cargo, officials of the line are making every effort to learn the details of the accident. It is widely reported to have been caused by a bomb set by Frank Holt, a suspected German agent, who before taking his life in the Minnehaha jail wrote to his wife that he had placed a bomb on a liner leaving New York.

The Minnehaha sailed Saturday for Liverpool. When she was 570 miles southeast of Halifax an explosion in hold No. 3 set fire to her cargo, and for a time it was feared that her great supplies of ammunition might be blown up and the vessel sunk. The explosive part of her cargo, however, was stored in a separate hold, and after a hard fight the crew extinguished the blaze and the ship and cargo are now believed safe, though the seriousness of the fire is indicated by the fact that the vessel was forced to turn back.

Capt. F. H. Cope of the vessel sent the following wireless report on the fire:

"Fire caused by explosion. Now controlled by auto-ignition and steam. Much smoke in hold. Deem it expedient to make Halifax. Due Chebusto Head at nine o'clock Friday."

The Minnehaha carries a crew of 150 men, but had no passengers aboard when she left here on Sunday.

The liner carried 45,000 tons of ammunition consigned to the British government and purchased here through the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co.

The White Star line office here announced that the Adriatic had arrived safely at Liverpool. The message received here stated simply that the liner had arrived at a time of arrival or reason for the four hours' delay was given.

The liner is 600 feet long, has a beam of 65 feet and a depth of 35 feet.

FALL BACK BEFORE RUSSIANS

Retreat at Some Points
Around Krasnodar and Other
Places, Says Vienna.

Vienna, July 10.—The Russians are adopting more vigorous tactics, according to an official statement, which admits that the Austrians have fallen back at some points around Krasnodar.

German newspapers, according to reports from Berlin, admit that the attacks of the Russians between the Dniester and Pruth rivers are becoming very serious and that the Russians appear to have gained a serious advantage on the Dniester and Bug rivers over the armies of General Pflanzer and General Balm.

Maintaining their offensive against the Austrians troops that invaded Poland from the south, the Russian forces have driven the enemy back 12 miles from the Wilkowitz heights, according to reports received at Petrograd from the front.

The German offensive against Warsaw from the west is declared at the war office to have met with failure again.

TWO WARSHIPS TORPEDOED

London Announces British Submarine
Attacked German Vessel in Bay of
Danzig—Italian Cruiser Sunk.

London, July 10.—The first intimation that British submarines are operating in the Baltic sea came with the official announcement of the admiralty that it was a British boat which successfully torpedoed a German warship in the Bay of Danzig.

The Italian armored cruiser Amalfi has been torpedoed and sunk by an Austrian submarine in the Adriatic. Official announcement of the destruction of the warship was made by the ministry of marine at Rome. Almost all the crew were saved. The Amalfi carried 684 men.

It is unofficially reported that a French warship has sunk a German submarine in the channel. The Grimsby trawler Cheshire was blown up by a mine in the North Sea. All the crew with the exception of the chief engineer were killed.

Record Cotton Crop.

Washington, July 9.—The American cotton crop of 1914 was the largest ever produced, exceeding by nearly two million bales, or about 15 per cent, the crop of 1913. The 1914 crop totaled 16,134,920 bales.

Detail Two Ships From U. S.

Athens, July 10.—The Greek steamers Thessaloniki and Janina, from the United States, were stopped at Gibraltar on Thursday and were subsequently conveyed to Malta for further examination.

Cleveland Player Hurt.

Cleveland, O., July 9.—Joe Jackson, premier slugger of the Cleveland American League ball club, was badly injured late Wednesday in an auto accident while riding in his machine with Mrs. Jackson.

Turk Loses Great.

Athens, July 9.—Turkish losses to date at the Dardanelles are estimated by the allies at 180,000 in killed, wounded and captured, according to a dispatch received from Mytilene on Wednesday.

Tower Falls, Twelve Hurt.

Lock Island, Ill., July 7.—A light tower 60 feet high on which scores of people were perched when a fire broke out by a fireman's lantern, causing serious injuries to a dozen persons.

Cholera Epidemic Spreads.

Paris, July 7.—A dispatch to the Havre agency from Geneva states there were two cases of cholera in Vienna, two in Moravia, three in Silesia, two in Cracow, four in Yarrow and 28 in Valovitch.

AUSTRO-GERMAN DRIVE ON WARSAW



FRANK HOLT KILLS SELF TWELVE ON SHIP DIE

MORGAN ASSAILANT JUMPS FROM TIER OF CELLS.

Police Discover Bungalow Where Man Made Internal Machines and Stored Dynamite.

Glen Cove, N. Y., July 8.—Frank Holt, the Cornell professor who shot J. P. Morgan in his home here last Saturday, committed suicide here on Tuesday by jumping from a jail window down to the concrete floor of the courtyard, about fifty feet below.

Commissioner of Police Wood of New York has informed Major Pullman at Washington by long-distance telephone that Holt did not commit suicide, but was shot through the head by some outside person.

Holt was under the guard of Jeremiah Ryan, a jail attendant. The prisoner apparently was sleeping soundly and Ryan, hearing a noise on the other side of the cell tier, left his place in front of Holt's open door and started to investigate.

Holt slipped through the open cell door and climbed to the top of the cell tiers to an open window through which he plunged to the narrow courtyard below.

Holt ended his life after he had obtained that he was Doctor Muenster of Harvard, the wife-murderer, and that he had stored 120 pounds of dynamite for the manufacture of bombs had been located and searched by the police.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

Fort Smith, Ark., July 8.—By court decision on Tuesday the Bache-Denman lost its \$125,000 damage suit against union miners for destruction of mine property in the Prairie Creek mine riots.

St. Louis, July 7.—Thomas R. Marshall, vice-president of the United States, has been threatened with death in more than a dozen anonymous letters which he has received during the last six weeks. Vice-president Marshall made this statement on Sunday to newspaper men here.

Grand Rapids, Minn., July 8.—George Riddell, mayor of Grand Rapids, shot and killed himself at his home, according to announcement by the coroner on Tuesday. Mayor Riddell was forty-five years old.

Washington, July 7.—Rear Admiral Moore, commander of the Honolulu naval station, was placed on the retired list effective July 29, on orders issued by the navy department. Capt. Albert Gleaves, commandant of the New York navy yard, will succeed him on the active list of admirals.

Pitched Ball Killed a Player.

Kansas City, July 9.—A. J. Walker, twenty-three years old, of this city, died here as the result of being struck on the head by a pitched ball while playing with an amateur baseball team at Dearborn, Mo.

U. S. Holds Red Cross Man.

New York, July 8.—U. S. Agents arrested Capt. Anton V. Seferevich, member of the American Red Cross, on a charge of conspiring to violate U. S. neutrality by recruiting for the Montenegrin army.

Big Losses for Italians.

Vienna, July 9.—The Italian Third army, advancing in four corps, on the lower Isonzo, was repulsed with terrible losses, according to an official Austrian report made public on Tuesday afternoon.

Italians Destroy Hotels.

Lausanne, July 8.—The Italians are again bombarding the summit of St. Ivo pass. Many fashionable tourist hotels in that section of the Alps are being destroyed by the artillery fire.

Roads to Get Rate Raise.

Washington, July 7.—The railroads traveling what is known as "West Coast" rates for freight will receive practically all of the advance in rates for which they asked, it was announced unofficially here.

U. S. to Lease Million Acres.

Washington, July 7.—Grazing lands in the Crow Indian reservation in Montana will be leased for another three-year period, the Indian office announced. More than 1,000,000 acres are included in the tract.

TORNADO KILLS 50

OHIO, MISSOURI, INDIANA AND
ILLINOIS SWEEP BY
CYCLONE.

20 DEAD AT CINCINNATI

Twenty Buildings Demolished and
Scores Are Injured—Passengers on
Train Have Narrow Escape When
Coaches Are Blown From Tracks.

Chicago, July 9.—Meager reports filtering into Chicago over badly damaged lines of communication indicated that the death list in the tornado and storm that struck five middle western states Wednesday night may reach 50. Twice that number has been unaccounted for in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri.

Thousands of houses were reported to have been leveled and property damage of enormous proportions was inflicted on the storm-swept sections.

The greatest damage was done in Cincinnati and Ohio river towns in that vicinity. The latest authentic report from Cincinnati said that 20 persons were known to be dead there, and that it was feared that the death list in that city alone would reach nearly 100. Meager advices from Milford and Terrace Park, O., and Covington, Newport, Bellview, Ludlow and Dayton, Ky., indicated that several persons were killed in those cities. An inestimable amount of property was destroyed.

The storm smashed down upon St. Louis and St. Charles county, Missouri. An unconfirmed report stated that several persons were killed in St. Charles county.

A report that could not be confirmed stated that two persons were killed in Lawrenceville, Ill., and that seven were killed by falling timbers when the storm struck Russellville.

At Vincennes, several small towns were killed by falling timbers when the storm struck Russellville.

St. Louis, July 9.—A tornado and cloudburst which swept St. Louis and St. Charles county late Wednesday afternoon caused damage which may aggregate several hundred thousand dollars.

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Railroad men brought to St. Charles a rumor that the village of St. Peters had been blown away and that 40 of its several hundred inhabitants had been killed.

St. Charles suffered most from the tornado, an area of more than one hundred square blocks in this city having been more or less damaged.

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Terre Haute, Ind., July 9.—Lawrenceville, Ill., 50 miles south of Terre Haute, was visited by a terrific wind storm. Two persons were killed and about fifty houses were destroyed. It is estimated that the damage will reach nearly \$500,000.

15 KILLED IN CAR WRECK

Trolley Bearing Sunday School Picnic
From Toronto to Niagara Falls
Derailed—Fifty Persons Hurt.

Toronto, Ont., July 9.—Fifteen persons were killed and 50 were injured, some seriously, in the derailment of a trolley car near Queenstown, Ont., on Wednesday. The victims were members of a Toronto Sunday school picnic party who had come to Niagara Falls.

NO BOMBS ON BIG LINERS

Wireless Messages From Saxonia and
Philadelphia Say No Explosives
Have Been Found.

New York, July 9.—Both the Philadelphia and the Saxonia, which were supposed to have been placed aboard one of them by Frank Holt, have been heard from by wireless. Both ships have been searched from stem to stern. Both are safe.

Will Attempt to Float Emden.

Sydney, N. S. W., July 10.—The department for defense has awarded a contract for the salvage of the German cruiser Emden, which was sunk off Cocos Island, in the Indian ocean, by the Australian cruiser Sydney.

Minors Give Up Ghost.

Chicago, July 10.—Three minor baseball leagues are out of business for at least the remainder of the present baseball season. The B-Stars, Southern Michigan and Rio Grande leagues have tossed up the sponge.

Bandits Blow a Bank Safe.

Battle with 100 armed citizens of England. Lenox county, near here, and escaped after dynamiting the safe of the Bank of England and obtaining \$200 in silver.

John M. Studebaker Retires.

St. Paul, Minn., July 9.—John M. Studebaker, only survivor of the five brothers who founded the Studebaker corporation, has retired and has been succeeded by Frederick S. Fish as chairman of the board.

Foil British Airship Raids.

Berlin (by wireless), July 8.—A British airship squadron, accompanied by cruisers, that attempted to land on the German naval base on the North Sea Sunday morning was detected by a detachment of German warships.

Killed at Grade Crossing.

Bay City, Mich., July 8.—In a collision between a Michigan street car and a passenger train and an automobile fire engine two firemen were killed and four injured. The dead were Edward Jolly and Henry Fletcher.

Will Direct Sunday School Campaign



Miss Anna B. Conshaine, who was enthusiastically received by the Sunday School association at its convention which held at Zanesville as its financial secretary and who will have charge of the campaign for the raising of \$100,000 for an association home and an endowment fund as marking a new era in the progress of our work. That was an historic moment. May our Heavenly Father lay upon the heart of each one of us a deep sense of personal responsibility to promote this great enterprise.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Ohio Pavilion, P. P. E. E., San Francisco.—L. P. Bailey of Tacoma, Belmont county, a member of the Ohio board, who has been here serving as directing commissioner during the trip of Newton M. Miller to Ohio to arrange the live stock and poultry exhibit, has been honored by winning the second prize in cream display of the national milk exhibit. The first prize was won by a Washington state exhibitor.

Below is a list of Ohioans who have been honored by the officials of the exposition to act as stock and poultry judges: Samuel Bell, Wooster, Belgium draft horses; Tom Dempsey, Westerville, Jersey cattle; R. A. Hayne, Adena, Delano Merino sheep; E. J. Wade, Weston, O. I. C. swine; W. H. Standish, Lyons, Holstein cattle; Charles McCreary, New London, poultry; Senator C. W. McFarland, Gallatin, superintendent of sheep; George Ewald, Cincinnati, pigeons; Calvin Ewing, Youngstown, Galloway cattle.

Cloudburst-Floods Muskingum County. Zanesville.—A cloudburst visited the southern section of Muskingum county and 15 houses at Canfield and several at Stoverton were under water. For two hours brush creek was higher than for 10 years and a stretch of country five miles long and a mile wide was impassable, roads being under water and blocked by trees which blew down. The loss to crops will reach thousands of dollars.

Woman Falls on Shears, Dies. Lima.—Mrs. John Best, aged 48, of Delphos, while standing on a stepladder cleaning the wallpaper in her home, fell on a pair of open shears she held in her hand. The sharp point severed her jugular vein and she died in her husband's arms a few minutes later.

Many Brides in Summit County. Akron.—All Summit county records were broken on July 9, when 291 couples were granted marriage licenses.

Lineman Is Electrocuted. Akron.—Roscoe Crawford, aged 28, lineman for the Northern Ohio Traction Co., was electrocuted while working at Exchange and Water streets, Crawford lived at Stow Corners. He came in contact with a live wire.

Ohio Editors Plan Meeting. Chillicothe. Members of the Associated Ohio Dailies will hold their midsummer meeting at Cedar Point August 6. This announcement was made here by G. W. C. Perry, president of the organization.

County Commissioner Is Dead. Painesville.—Edward L. Williams, aged 63 years, serving his second term as county commissioner and re-elected for a third term, died at his home in Willoughby after an illness of three weeks.

Plunges 50 Feet to Death. Akron.—Slipping from a narrow foot bridge over the Cuyahoga river George near the Northern Ohio Traction Co., was electrocuted while further particulars call on or address Thomas Cooke, 23, Akron, plunged 50 feet to his death.

Forced by Electric Current. Stray electric currents from a railroad are supposed to cause the trees on one side of a Branch street to bud again and sometimes blossom after they once have shed their leaves every fall.

Man He Didn't Want to Meet. "What sort of a billiard game do you play?" "Well," he replied suspiciously, "I can usually hold my own with any ordinary player, except the man who hasn't had a cue in his hands for three years."

Languages of World. It is next to impossible to be precise about the number of languages in the world, but it is known that there exceed 4,000. Including "dialects," there are probably more than 200,000 varieties of human speech.

Standing Advertisement. Wanted—Men to do the world's work. Gay life, efficient, clean-living, clean-thinking men need apply. For further particulars call on or address Anytime, Anywhere, The Citizens of America.—Youth's Companion.

California's Salt Production. California is unusual among the salt-producing states in that the great bulk of the salt comes from sea water, being obtained by solar evaporation on San Francisco bay, near Long beach and near San Diego.

Those Guesses. When a doctor makes a guess about a disease he calls it a diagnosis. When a stock gambler makes a guess about stock he calls it a speculation. When a preacher makes a guess about the next world he calls it faith or revelation.—Life.

Holding the World's Interest. The landlady turned off the gas jet and saved the life of a boarder who had planned suicide. The moral is, stay a bit in debt and somebody will have an interest in you.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Impression He Makes. How true it is that the child is father of the man! Whenever a man comes in here, for instance, and begins to boast how powerful and important he is in the community, if not the state, the nation and the world at large, our memory goes back to the days of our innocent childhood when we boys used to assure one another that we spat nickels and maybe an occasional dime, though really we didn't at all.—Columbus Ohio Journal.

Courting With Mind on Court. He—So Judge Blank proposed to Alice last night! She—Yes, and he made an awful break. When she asked him for time to consider his proposal he gave her sixty days.

When a Small Boy Washes. A boy was recently asked to give a description of water, and this is what he wrote: "Water is a white liquid which turns completely black the moment you turn your hands in it."

RURAL PHONES ARE PUBLIC UTILITIES

COURT RENDERS IMPORTANT DECISION AFFECTING TELEPHONE LINES.

NOT PRIVATE CONCERNS

Upholds Rights of Utilities Commission to Reduce Coal Carrying Rates.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Columbus.—The supreme court rendered a decision to the effect that mutual telephone companies, of which there are many in rural districts, organized by farmers, though they claim to be private concerns, as public utilities they cannot be started without obtaining a certificate of necessity from the state utilities commission.

Home rule charters in Ohio won a victory in supreme court when the court decided that the Cleveland charter provisions take precedence over and set aside a state statute. The right of the state utilities commission to reduce coal carrying rates of Ohio railroads was upheld by the supreme court. The court also held that a liquor dealer can not be prosecuted for soliciting business in dry territory.

Cover Every County.

Details of a comprehensive scheme of meetings, to cover every county, village and township in the state, concluding August 5, have been prepared by the Ohio Sunday-school association and announced as the means whereby the entire state is to be impregnated with the spirit of Sunday-school work.

Sunday School Fund. The governor has written the following letter to the Ohio Sunday School Association: "I am in receipt of your letter touching the project of the Ohio Sunday School Association to raise a \$100,000 fund for the maintenance of the Sunday school work of the state. I am bound to say that the project appeals to me because an endowment is a sensible business way in which to provide for philanthropic work in order that such work may be continuous and effective in its operations."

The fund contributed by Ohio's sons and daughters in this movement will be added to the worthy task of evangelization. The Sunday school, the church and the public school are the mighty constructive forces of the world today. The project for a permanent endowment for the Ohio Sunday School Association seems to me commendable in every way and is a most worthy movement.

Values for Taxation. A big increase has been made in the tax valuation of the Norfolk & Western railroad, according to the final figures on valuations given out by the state tax commission. The Norfolk & Western will pay taxes on a valuation which is from \$26,254,910 in 1914 to \$28,791,210 in 1915. The Hocking Valley is unchanged, at \$31,751,740. The Chicago & Erie is listed this year at \$6,535,410, as against \$6,351,380 in 1914. The "Nympha" valuation this year is \$36,954,490, as against \$35,686,330 in 1914. The Wheeling & Lake Erie is one of those decreased, from \$28,951,670 in 1914 to \$28,725,440 in 1915. The Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton is unchanged, at \$21,527,500 in 1914 to \$21,386,080 in 1915. The Toledo & Ohio Central valuation is \$21,480,360, as against \$20,084,770 in 1914, and the Kanawha & Michigan is \$3,802,820 for 1915, as against \$3,255,970 in 1914.

Insurance Saves \$8,000,000. State industrial accident insurance has cost Ohio employers about one-third what liability companies would have charged for the same coverage, the industrial commission says. "The liability insurance rates are just 233 per cent of the Ohio state insurance rates," said the statement. "The Ohio employers have paid into the state insurance fund about \$8,000,000 in premiums, \$4,343,000. If Ohio employers had been compelled to purchase their compensation insurance from the liability insurance companies, it would have cost them \$12,786,000." The industrial commission is operating the Ohio state plan at an annual cost of less than \$200,000.

Vote on Liquor Law Changed. That an amendment to the Ohio constitution prohibiting the liquor traffic will be again submitted to the voters of the state next November was assured when initiative petitions bearing the signatures of approximately 135,000 voters of 81 counties were filed with Secretary of State Hildebrandt. An active campaign is being conducted on behalf of the amendment will be started at once. Worthington Gantzman, of Columbus, member of the executive committee of the state dry organization, announced that additional petitions containing signatures were sent to the state capital to approximately 200,000 were ready and will be filed later. No Hamilton county petitions were filed. Only 112,000, or 10 per cent of the total vote for governor last year are necessary to place the prohibition amendment on the November ballots.

Refused To Direct Acquittal. Federal District Judge Starr refused to direct a verdict of acquittal for state Sunday-school work and is probably more extensively known in every city, village and hamlet of the state than any other one person of this time.

Wheeler Quits as Leader. Wayne B. Wheeler will surrender the leadership of the dry in Ohio. He will resign as superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League in this state and will take a place on the staff of the national organization. James A. White, assistant superintendent, will succeed Mr. Wheeler as superintendent. The elevation of Mr. White to the superintendency and the transfer of Mr. Wheeler to the national organization will be made at the annual meeting of the National Anti-Saloon League to be held in Atlantic City.